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1. CONSULAR MATTERS. AS PROMISED, I VISITED PASSPORT DIRECTOR GENERAL POPESCU WITH LARRY GOODRICH THIS MORNING. IN COURSE OF VERY AMICABLE CHAT WHICH STARTED OFF WELL WHEN I TOLD HIM WHAT FINE IMPRESSION HIS CALL ON MANGIAFICO HAD MADE, I RAISED NUMBER OF TOPICS WHICH I DESCRIBED FRANKLY AS CATS AND DOGS -- SINCE WE HAVE BEEN MAKING SO MUCH PROGRESS ON "REGULAR" CASES, I SAID -- FOR HIM TO LOOK INTO. ONE, IT TURNED OUT, HAD ALREADY BEEN RESOLVED. ANOTHER WAS BIRNBAUM: I GAVE HIM LIST OF THOSE OF BIRNBAUM'S LIST WHO HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN JUNE AMNESTY, WITH INTRODUCTORY REMARK ABOUT HOW BIRNBAUM HAD APPRECIATED ROSINGER SETTLEMENT, REQUEST THAT HE LOOK INTO THE REST AND SUGGESTION THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SETTLE AT LEAST SOME OF THE EASIER ONES. HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED ONLY TWO -- DONATH AND WULICH -- WHO OWED STATE EVEN MORE THAN ROSINGER, IN OTHER AFFAIR, BUT HE WOULD CHECK THEM OUT. THIRD WAS ALEXANDRESCU/GANEA PASSPORT CASE, FOLLOWING JULY 3 DEMONSTRATION. (FRENCH EMBASSY IS CHECKING FOR ME ON WHETHER ALEXANDRESCU IS INDEED ON FRENCH LIST, AND THINKS GUIRINGAUD WILL COME EARLIER THAN DECEMBER.) I SAID THESE SEEMED LIKE FRENCH AND POTENTIAL US CASES, BUT I WAS ASKING ON
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PERSONAL BASIS, SINCE LADIES ARE SEEING ME; HE SAID POSITIVE ACTION FOLLOWING ON DEMONSTRATIONS IS BAD PRECEDENT, BUT HE WOULD CHECK. FINALLY, I NOTED ESPEY/IONESCU AND GEORGESCU PROBLEMS AS OF CONTINUING INTEREST. ON ESPEY, HE DID NOT RESPOND.

2. VLAD GEORGESCU, POPESCU SAID BLANDLY HE HAD NOT

RECEIVED A FORMAL APPLICATION, SINCE IT APPEARED
EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT YET APPROVED IT, AND
HE COULD DO NOTHING TILL THEY HAD. WHEN I SAW
GEORGESCU JULY 23, I TALKED HIM OUT OF SENDING LETTER
TO WEBER FOR ANOTHER WEEK, TO SEE WHAT EFFECT
SENDING PREVIOUS LETTERS TO DR. BRZEZINSKI AND SUGAR
MIGHT HAVE, BUT AGREED TO SEND YOU COPY, WITH HIS
REQUEST THAT IT BE TRANSMITTED, ON UNDERSTANDING WE ARE
UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO FORWARD MATERIAL OF THIS KIND
WHICH WE RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION. AS NOTED IN LETTER
WHICH IS ON ITS WAY TO YOU, I SUGGEST YOU HOLD WEBER
LETTER UNTIL YOU HEAR FURTHER FROM ME, ON OFF CHANCE
FIRST TWO HAVE DESIRED EFFECT. GEORGESCU IS RELIEVED
TO HAVE WRITTEN THEM, BUT STILL NERVOUS, THE MORE SO
SINCE COUPLE HAS JUST LEARNED SHE IS EXPECTING.
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